New Trade Policy. A Departmental Committee has been constituted to examine the new staffing pattern of the Organisation of CCI&E. Posts which are found un-necessary or redundant will be abolished without in any way affecting the interests of any regular employee of the CCI&E Organisation.

(d) There has been no agitation in the Organisation after constitution of the above Committee.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand of export trading and star trading houses

2901. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exporters have urged upon Goverment to allow export trading and star trading houses to restructure their organisation and labour on the basis of productivity and efficiency and also be freed from the shackles of stringent labour laws;

(b) if so, what are their main demands; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of joint ventures abroad

*2902. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to strengthen the proper appraisal of proposals for setting up joint ventures abroad; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to put in a penalty clause for non-implementation of joint ventures abroad by Indian partners so as to prevent adverse publicity for Indian Indsutry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Proposal for overseas joint ventures are appraised by an inter-Ministerial Committee which takes into account inputs from the Embassy of India, Department of Economic Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Exim Bank, Directorate General of Technical Development and other relevant quarters. Recommendations recently received in this regard from a Board of Trade sub-Group are also under consideration.

Facilities for setting joint ventures abroad

**2903. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a greater scope for Indian businessmen to set up joint ventures abroad in view of the changing global economic scenario; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to substantively liberalise the facilities for Indian businessmen in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (b) In view of the changing global economic scenario, revision of guidelines for setting up overseas joint ventures and wholly-owned subsidaries is under consideration of the Government.

Action under Super 301 Trade Act of USA

@2904. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated 15th February, 1992 captioned "Speical 301 Talks outcome still a toss-up";

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held at the 26th February, 1992 meeting and U.S. Government's attitude on the issue of its unilateral trade legislation under Special 301 on Trade Marks and Patents and any retaliatory action threatened by that Government; and

(c) the stand taken by India to press its

*Previously Unstarred Question 1292, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

**Previously Unstarred Question 1297, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2398, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

point on its not indulging in any unfair trade practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No discussions were held between the US and India on this issue on 26 February, 1992. However, on that date, the United States Trade Representative announced the decision to terminate the investigation against India under Section 301. The United States has also determined that no responsive action is appropriate at this time.

Government are satisfied that our laws relating to trademarks and copyright, together with some amendments proposed to the Copyright Act, are adequate. A decision has also been taken to improve market access for motion pictures and videos. As far as the issue of patents is concerned, attention of the United States has been drawn to the fact that this is the subject of multilateral negotiations, which have yet to be concluded.

Import of Medical X-ray Films

*2905. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of Jumbo Rolls of Medical X-ray films for slitting and confectioning are allowed under OGL or through canalised agencies, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that medical X-ray films are on short supply resulting in price rise in the domestic market;

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter to eliminate short supply and curb rising prices; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct National Small Industrial Development Corporation (NSIC) to arrange Import of Jumbo Rolls under its IRMAC Scheme for urgent supply to SSI Units for slitting and confectioning and to control continuous increasing price if so, what are the details thereof?

*Previously Unstarred Question 2412, tranferred from the 12th March, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In terms of export and import policy for 1990-93, as amended, import of Jumbo Rolls of Medical X-Ray film is allowed freely by all persons. In view of this NSIC may also import without any direction or restriction.

गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कम्पनी द्वारा चीनी का निर्यात किया जाना

2906. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री 10 मार्च, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1821 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इण्डियन शुगर एण्ड जनरल इण्डस्ट्री एक्सपोर्ट कारपोरेशन नामक गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की एक कम्पनी को अब देश से चीनी के निर्यात किए जाने का कार्य सौंपा गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले चीनी उत्पादन वर्ष के दौरान चीनी उद्योग को चीनी के निर्यात के कारण भारी घाटे हुए हैं; और

(ग) यदि भाग (ख) का उत्तर "हां" है, तो प्रति टन कितना घाटा हुआ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) इंडियन शुगर एण्ड जनरल इंडस्ट्री एक्सपोर्ट इम्पोर्ट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड को चीनी का निर्यात करने के लिए एक अभिकरण के रूप में अधिसूचित किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है।

Misuse of Exim Scrips

2907. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Financial Express of the 28th January, 1992 captioned "Exim scrips based on false documents flood market";

(b) if so, what steps had been taken to prevent the misuse of Exim Scrips Scheme;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the quantum of amount claimed by producing false bank documents;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;